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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

REQUEST FOR REPORTS ON INFLUENZA (LA GRIPPE).

Medical officers, acting assistant surgeons of the Marine-Hospital Service, secretaries of State boards of health, and other sanitarians are requested to report as soon as practicable whether influenza or la grippe is prevailing in their respective localities, giving the type of the disease, number of cases (when possible), mortality, and the treatment, sanitary and medicinal, with as full statistics as possible. The information is desired for publication in the PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

In addition to present conditions, a statement is also desired as to dates (even though approximate) of the appearance of la grippe and the estimated number of cases to date of report.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Report on the investigation of smallpox in Colorado.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., January 17, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith copies of the reports made by me to Dr. G. E. Tyler, secretary State board of health of Colorado, while investigating cases of smallpox present in certain places of that State.

Respectfully, W.M. G. STIMPSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

[Inclosure.]

CRIPPLE CREEK, COLO., January 6, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that I arrived at Cripple Creek yesterday morning and called upon Dr. Hassenplug, city health officer. During the afternoon I visited the smallpox hospital with him and saw 15 patients, all of whom had smallpox; the doctor also showed me 10 other cases of smallpox which he has isolated in their houses in the different parts of the city. A meeting of the board of health was called at 7.30 in the evening and at that meeting I announced that the disease was smallpox and explained at length what precautions should be taken to prevent its further spread. The board passed a resolution authorizing the health officer to employ physicians to make a house-to-house inspection of the city, report all cases of the disease they may find and vaccinate everybody. These physicians were appointed this morning and met in Dr. Hassenplug's office this afternoon and received their instructions. They will begin work at once. I have called upon most of the physicians of the city and explained to them the chief points in the diagnosis. Dr. Meiere has been appointed one of the vaccinators and says that he will do all that he can to help stamp out the disease. I requested Dr. Whiting, county health officer, to have a physician visit the different mines and see if there are any cases of smallpox and also to have the manager of the mines require all employees to be vaccinated. The doctor stated he would do this. Dr. Hassenplug has closed all the dance houses here and I believe will soon have the epidemic well in hand. He has a good smallpox hospital and will remove all cases to it as soon as possible, and